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City government by commission and the advocacy of the reduction of elective officers in state government are notable examples.

To appreciate fully the value of the book a thorough knowledge of French life would be necessary. But even to the ordinary reader it is full of stimulus and suggestion in that it shows the way in which the intimate life and character of a people lie at the basis of its peculiar political and social problems.

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FLEXNER, BERNARD AND BALDWIN, ROGER N. *Juvenile Courts and Probation.*

Pp. xii, 308. Price, \$1.25. New York: The Century Company, 1914.

Few matters of public policy have assumed so quickly a place of importance in popular thinking as that of the juvenile court since its organization in Chicago in July, 1899. The movement spread rapidly in this country and in Europe and developed a great diversity both as to concepts and as to methods of administration. Efforts to standardize procedure have made slow progress. The reason for this has been a diversity both of ideals and of conditions in different states and countries. The literature which the movement has produced has been, in the main, fragmentary and has dealt with specific aspects of the subject. In the present volume, the authors have attempted for the first time a thoroughgoing intensive study and statement of the whole subject in concise form and have produced a text-book of the juvenile court and its necessary accompaniment, probation. Beginning with Part I we have a short history of the juvenile court movement together with a discussion of its underlying principles. Part II deals with a detailed and analytical analysis of the organization and procedure of the court throughout the United States. In addition we have the best concurrent opinion of what an ideal procedure should be. Part III considers probation in the same manner, giving valuable suggestions as to the best methods of organizing and conducting probation. Part IV criticises methods and statistics, emphasizing the value of both in securing adequate results. In Part V many pages of sample forms are presented with criticisms and suggestions. The appendix contains drafts of laws and rules representing the best examples of procedure so far incorporated in the codes of the various states, and finally a lengthy selected reference list of the most valuable sources of information. The volume is the report of the special committee on Juvenile Courts and their Administration appointed by the National Probation Association, and is endorsed by the entire committee consisting of Bernard Flexner, Roger Baldwin, Ben B. Lindsey, Julian W. Mack, Julia C. Lathrop, Homer Folks, Maud E. Miner, Edwin Mulready and Arthur W. Towne.

The book should be accessible to every social student and social worker, whose interest in any way touches this important subject.

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FREEMAN, ARNOLD. *Boy Life and Labour.* Pp. xiii, 252. Price, 3s. 6p. London: P. S. King and Son, 1914.

This volume is the result of a year of intensive investigation into the lives of seventy-one working-class boys of the city of Birmingham, England. The